

Remarks

Claims 1-25, 32 and 39-45 are currently pending. Claims 1, 8, 15, 22-24 and 39 have been amended. No new matter has been added. Applicants respectfully submit that the claims as presented are in condition for allowance as set forth more fully below.

102 Rejections

Applicants have based this response on the belief that the Examiner meant 5,646,979 instead of 6,646,979 since the Office Action has referred to Knuth. Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections based on Knuth (US Patent 5, 646,979).

The Office Action rejects independent claims 1, 8, 15, 22-24 and 39 by stating that Knuth teaches an apparatus, method or a system that includes all of their elements. The Office Action equates a cordless phone with voice announced calling party identification system in Knuth (Col. 4, l. 4-67) with the voice caller ID method, apparatus and system recited in amended claims 1, 8, 15, 22-24 and 39. However, as discussed below, there are several distinguishing aspects in relation to the currently amended claims that must be acknowledged.

Claim 8

Amended claim 8 recites, in pertinent part, a device including an apparatus for audibly annunciating, at the device, caller identification information transmitted over a network, and one or more matching networks to reroute and forward audible signals from the apparatus to a speaker in an alternative communication device.

Knuth teaches the placement of a caller ID circuit and a speech synthesizer in a base station of a cordless phone and merely transmitting the synthesized caller ID information to the cordless phone's ear piece or speaker. (Col. 2, l. 35-65). Such a base and cordless handset is a single telephone unit. (Col. 3, l. 19-23). Knuth does not disclose the use of one more matching networks to reroute and forward the associated call from the cordless telephone's caller ID unit in the base unit to an alternative communication device, unassociated with the cordless phone and its base station.

Therefore, claim 8, recites subject matter that is not taught by Knuth and is

neither anticipated nor rendered obvious in view of the Knuth reference. As such, the anticipation rejection with respect thereto should be withdrawn. Dependent claims 9-14 and 32 depend from allowable claim 8 and are also allowable over Knuth for at least the same reasons.

Claim 15

Amended claim 15 recites, in pertinent part, displaying the stream of characters representative of the caller identification in real time and simultaneously with the production of the stream of audible signals.

Knuth teaches the placement of a caller ID circuit and a speech synthesizer in a base station of a cordless phone and merely transmitting the synthesized caller ID information to the cordless phone's ear piece or speaker (Col. 2, l. 35-64; Fig.1). Knuth also discloses that liquid crystal displays have been used in conjunction with Caller ID systems in the past (Col. 1, l. 18-23) and further discloses that a patent to Fujioka (US Pat. 4,894,861) requires a display in conjunction with a delayed time caller ID system using pre-registered phone numbers. (Col. 1, l. 36-57). However, it is important to note that Knuth further teaches that using a display with a cordless system is impractical due to the size reductions in the handset and the complex protocols necessary for the digital transmission of digital symbols from the base unit to the handset. (Col. 1, l. 22-27). Therefore, Knuth does not teach or disclose the use of a display in conjunction with a real time voice synthesizer to simultaneously display and annunciate the caller ID, and furthermore, Knuth teaches away from a modification to include such a display in conjunction with the voice annunciation of the caller ID.

Therefore, claim 15 is neither anticipated nor rendered obvious in view of the Knuth reference and the anticipation rejection with respect thereto should be withdrawn. Dependent claims 16-21 depend from allowable claim 15 and are also allowable over Knuth for at least the same reason.

Claims 1, 22-24 and 39

Claims 1, 22-24 and 39 include recitations that are analogous to those included in claims 8 and 15 and that are not disclosed in Knuth. As an example, amended claim 1

recites using a display to visually display the stream of characters in real time and concurrently with the audible signals being enunciated and one or more matching networks to reroute and forward the audible signals from the apparatus to a speaker in an alternative telephone device. These recitations are not disclosed by Knuth. Therefore, claim 1, as amended, is neither anticipated nor rendered obvious in view of the Knuth reference and the anticipation rejection with respect thereto should be withdrawn. Dependent claims 2-7 and 25 depend from allowable claim 1 and are also allowable for at least the same reasons.

Claims 22-24 and 39 contain similar recitations as those in claim 1. Applicants assert that claims 22-23 and 39 also contain recitations that are neither anticipated nor rendered obvious in view of the Knuth reference. As such, the anticipation rejection with respect to claims 22-24 and 39 should be withdrawn. Dependent claims 40-45 depend from claim 39 and are also allowable for the same reasons.

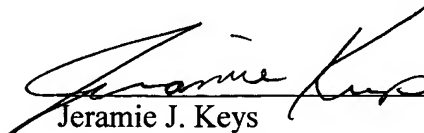
Conclusion

Applicants assert that the application including claims 1-25, 32 and 39-45 are now in condition for allowance. Applicants request reconsideration in view of the amendments and remarks above and further request that a Notice of Allowability be provided. Should the Examiner have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

No fees are believed due. However, please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3025.

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